



MassGrown and Fresher News – December – Time of Giving

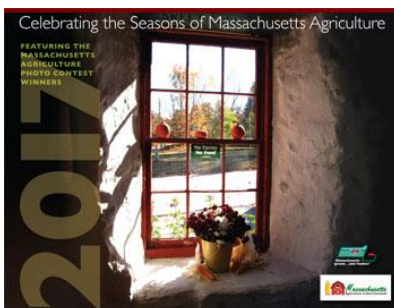


‘Tis the season for local holiday gift giving! Many farms and markets across the state offer excellent holiday gift items. How about a pound of local [honey](#) or jar of jam? A pint of [maple syrup](#) paired with pancake mix make a great stocking



stuffer. Bring a bottle of wine from a nearby farm [winery](#) or a [microbrew](#) to your next holiday party. Have you seen the many varieties of poinsettias are out there? If you’d like to make a gift, we have farms offering [wreath making workshops](#). For more gift ideas, follow [@MassGrown Twitter](#), where new local gift ideas are shared every day this month!

As you plan your holiday dinner menu, remember that many ingredients can be sourced from your local farm. To make it even easier, visit one of the many [winter farmers’ markets](#) being held this month across the state. These increasingly popular markets feature locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, flowers, and specialty food products.



The best annual stocking stuffer is the [2017 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar](#). All winning photos were selected from this year’s public photo contest. Each photograph spotlights crops and farms across the Commonwealth. Winning photos can be viewed [here](#). Each month also includes “Fun Facts” and “Teaching Tips,” which makes this a great gift to a teacher! The annual Calendar is produced in collaboration with [Massachusetts Agriculture in the](#)

[Classroom](#) and the [Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources](#), along with the many sponsoring associations: [MA Farm Bureau](#), [MA State Grange](#), [MA Fruit Growers](#), [MA Maple Association](#), [MA Fairs Association](#), [Cape Cod Cranberry Association](#), [MA Flower Growers](#)

[Association](#), [MA Dairy Promotion Board](#), and the [MA Christmas Tree Association](#). Details and ordering information [here](#).

Towns with upcoming Holiday Farmers' Markets:

- [Westfield](#) – December 10
 - [Sterling](#) – December 16
 - [Great Barrington](#) – December 17
 - [Salem](#) – December 17
 - [West Tisbury](#) – December 17
 - [Chatham](#) - December 18
 - [Williamstown](#) – December 18
 - [Ongoing winter farmers' markets mapped here](#)
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Visit our [Calendar of Culinary and Agricultural](#) events for **even more things** to do. Updates made weekly. Be sure to check with the organizer's website beforehand for any last minute changes.



Boston Public Market is also a great one location for “Massgrown” gifts!

To submit a culinary or agricultural event, send to Richard.LeBlanc@state.ma.us. Bookmark the [calendar](#) today, and follow us on [Twitter @Massgrown](#).

